DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir, Government propose to permit import of computers which are not being manufactured in the country on the basis of the actual requirements.

(b) Decision has been taken to put certain large computer systems above a particular level which are not being manufactured in the country on Open General Licence.

(c) The minimum configuration of the computer system under OGL has been arrived at taking into consideration the capacity of the indigenous manufacturers including ECIL to produce such computers.

(d) The computer systems available in the country cannot meet all the large and specialised requirements. For such applications it is necessary to consider the import of large computer systems Such Computer systems have been put under Open General Licence so that the procedural delays for procurement of such computer systems for projects of national importance are minimised.

U.S. Technology for production of F-5 fighter-cum-trainer aircraft

412. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S.A. has offered to transfer technology to India to facilitate indigenous production of F-5 fighter-cum-trainer aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Guidelines to encourage the Scientists

413. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CSIR guidelines which have been laid down to encourage the participation of CSIR Scientists in International Conference are not being followed in some of the CSIR establishment such as ITRC, Lucknow;

(b) whether it has come to the knowledge of the Government if any injustice done to any ITRC Scientists with regards to his participation in an International Conference; and

(c) what steps are being taken to avoid such injustice meted out to Scientists especially in view of the sensitivity of these scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Ocean development in India

414. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what expenditure has been incurred by the Government on ocean development so far;

(b) whether major aims behind such expenditure also include exploration of natural resources lying in the oceans, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment have so far been made to ascertain the monetary value of the resources explored/procured so far or estimated to be procured in the near-future; and

(d) how does the gains, if any, compare with expenditure incurred on this account?